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Minister of Education, Toronto,

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November 6th, 1914

Hon. B. A. Fyne,
Minister of Education,
Toronto.

My dear Dr. Fyne:

I saw Miss Laird yesterday afternoon. She tells me that it will be quite feasible to have sewing put in the second year of the course, and that if you put it as a requirement the students can have it done then. She is also prepared to place a room at the disposal of the students and any teacher that you may decide to send. With her present staff she is unable to undertake the sewing herself, and it would involve an additional instructor. I hope that this will facilitate your arrangements with regard to the specialist's certificate.

Yours sincerely,

President.

November 14th, 1914

Hon. R. A. Pyne,

Minister of Education, Toronto.

Dear Dr. Pyne:

Professor W. R. Lang, who is to be Colonel of our Officers Training Corps desires to have the privilege of being made a Justice of the Peace in order that he may swear in students. Will you be good enough to have steps taken that this privilege may be given to Professor Lang ?

I am,

Yours sincerely,

President.

March 17th, 1915.

Hon. R. A. Pyne, M. D., LL. D.,
Parliament Buildings
Toronto

Sir:

At a Meeting of the Senate of the University of Toronto, held on Friday, March 12th, a communication was read from Dr James Loudon, the representative of the Senate on the Board of the Ontario College of Art. In this communication Dr Loudon states that, - "The reduction in the space formerly occupied by the College amounts to more than 50 per cent, with the result that the Staff is now forced to conduct their work in a few crowded rooms in the west half of the third storey of the building. What this means may be inferred from the fact that there are now 148 students in attendance, divided into the following classes:-

"Elementary.....	65	Costume.....	25"
Antique...1.....	26	Life.....	50
Modelling.....	19	Design.....	24

Dr Loudon also states that the action of the Government was taken without any notice being given to the College. He requested the Senate to join with other bodies, represented on the Council, in expressing to the Premier and the Minister

of Education its sense of the great value to the Province of the Ontario College of Art, and in urging that this young and struggling Institution, which is filling a most important gap in the educational system of Ontario, should be given adequate space for its work. The Senate unanimously agreed to support Dr Loudon's request, and I was instructed to express to you their strong hope that you will provide larger accommodation for the Ontario College of Art, so that it may continue and even increase the valuable work it is doing for the Province. This I beg most respectfully to do.

Yours very truly,

President.

May 31st, 1915

Dear Dr. Pyne:

I promised to send you an outline of the purpose that I had in calling the Universities of the Dominion to meet in Conference here to-morrow. It seemed to me to be a particularly opportune time for welding East and West together. These new Universities are growing apace. Many of their students are sons of parents of non-British stock, who know nothing about the history of Canada or Eastern Canada, but racial affinities and by geographical situation many of them are much more likely to turn their sons to the United States. I believe therefore that we in the older Provinces should use every effort to strengthen our relations with the West, particularly by offering them advantages in the way of professional study in the meantime and graduate work, so that a number of them, who will afterwards be leaders in the life of the West, may by spending a year or two in the East know our life and serve to weld the country together. This is the general purpose as well as the unification of the higher education of the Dominion. Higher education may become a great factor in developing the real national spirit, particularly at this time. With kind regards and many thanks, I am,

Yours sincerely,

Hon. R. A. Pyne,

President.

Minister of Education.